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IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

In re application of)

Angela TURIANO)

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MOLECULES, FOR STIMULATION OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

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Washington, D.C. 20231

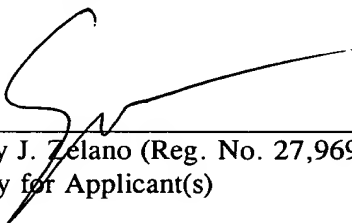
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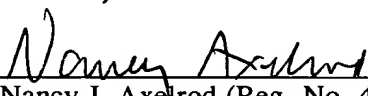
SIR:

Applicants are confused as to why an Advisory Action was sent on May 15, 2001 in response to the filing of a CPA in the above-referenced application on December 5, 2000. A Reply was enclosed with the CPA which addressed the outstanding office action. The filing of a CPA starts the prosecution clock anew; a new office action or notice of allowance should have been issued, not an Advisory Action. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner looking into this situation.

Furthermore, applicants note that in the interview held on May 25, 2000, the amendment and arguments filed with the CPA were indicated as likely to render the claims allowable. Supplementally, applicants also submitted a Declaration with the CPA that supplemented the arguments outlined in the amendment. Clarification is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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